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I have only one more church to send in. That is the church at Slaty Fork. It has been built since 1900.

I believe Mrs. McLaughlin has 7 or 8 churches that she had started on, and has not yet finished. I told her this week that you wanted this material immediately, so I feel sure she will send them in within the next few days. The churches she has are those around Marlinton and down through the Bruffey Creek section.



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MINNERSVILLE SPRINGS M.E. CHURCH, SOUTH

The M. E. Church, South was built in 1926, being formally opened Sunday, October 31, 1926. Rev. Mack Thomason was the pastor at the time. The opening day services consisted of all day services, with dinner on the ground. Rev. J. W. Leggett of Vinton, Va. a former pastor, preached the first sermon at 11 o'clock and Rev. F. B. Wagoner of Monterey preached at 2:30 p. m.

This was a separate appointment on the Huntersville charge in 1910, under the pastorate of J. L. Leggett. The place of worship was transferred from the Browns Mountain school house in which building the worship was held until the completion of this church. The building was begun sometime during the year of 1913, while Rev. Palmer Sabank was pastor. In the first place two lots were donated by Mr. and Mrs. Ance McLaughlin as a memorial to their son C. C. McLaughlin, who died from wounds received in battle in France during the World War. These lots were later exchanged for two lots nearer the parsonage for the reason of a better location. F. C. Kennerly donated the ^{Lumber} for the frame work for the outside of the building. Quite a lot of free labor was given. June 8, 1926 was set apart for excavation, the men doing the work and the ladies serving a free dinner at the parsonage.

All denominations gave quite liberally in this and adjoining communities also in the town of Marlinton. The largest money donations were made by Mrs. Effie Campbell, Elmer Moore, Mrs. Wilson, Dr. H. H. Jones, W. A. Gross and Mrs. A. D. Wash.

This church is deeply indebted to a very faithful building committee composed of the following: L. H. Grose, Pres., Mrs. Elmer Moore, Secy. and Treasurer, J. C. Harper, Mr. and Mrs. Arce McLaughlin, G. H. Irvine, and Mrs. J. G. Sharp. This committee overcame many trying obstacles. The two non-resident members Mr. Grose and Mr. Harper never missed a committee meeting and deserve special mention for their faithful and most helpful assistance.

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by Mrs. Sidney Wilson--1928

This church was dedicated on July 31, 1929. A large crowd attended, and a bountiful basket dinner was served in the basement. Dr. Fink the District Superintendent preached the dedicatory sermon. The pastor and eight other pastors were present among them were J. W. Leggett, A. B. Smith and W. L. Huddy.

The church is furnished with home made seats, a piano and other necessary furniture.

They have a well attended Sunday School with Mrs. Elmer Moore and Mrs. Sidney Wilson as the main ones who keep the church work going.

Records show that there have been as many as 85 members of this church. At the present there are 16 members.

The deed was made on June 20, 1923 by Arce McLaughlin and McLaughlin his wife to L. H. Grose, Park McLaughlin, Gilbert Sharp, Clifford Irvine, Neal Fritchard, trustees. The parsonage which stands just behind the church was bought from Mrs. ... in 19... for \$20., and was deeded to the above...